

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 20, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Robin LaBuwi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone; Robin LaBuwi and Stacia Sloan. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/AD; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:32 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:12 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/AD; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2023

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2023

5.2 Approve Financial Report (June 2023)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (June 2023)

5.4 Review/Approve 1st Reacing Board Policy Updates (ENCL A)

5.5 Review/Approve Centerstone MOU (ENCL B)

5.6 Review/Approve Agreement for IDPH Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program (ENCL C)

5.7 Review/Approve ControllIQ SLA Service Contract (ENCL D)

5.8 Review/Approve Cross Country Meet in Louisville, KY on September 16, 2023

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosures B, C, and D have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Update
- Financial Update
- Back to School Update
- Class of 1960 requested reunion at BCHS
- Legislation regarding residency
- Triple I Conference invitation

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve reimbursement to Shane Garner from the Athletics Activity Account as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to transfer Kaitlyn Crawford to the Secretary/Receptionist position for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Madelyn Lampley as a Teacher's Aide for the 2023-24 school year upon completion of the employment history review. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the resignation from Brian Carollo as a full-time bus driver. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of full-time bus driver as available for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Student Handbook Updates Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the student handbook changes as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Faculty/Staff Handbook Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Faculty/Staff Handbook as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Coaches Handbook Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Coaches Handbook as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Robin LaBuwi- yes, Stacia Sloan – no, Jay Copple – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Classification of Executive Board Minutes The executive board minutes from July 2022 – June 2023 have been reviewed and the need for confidentiality continues to exist, therefore, Robin LaBuwi made a motion to continue to classify the executive board minutes as confidential. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve Amended Teacher Evaluation Plan Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the Amended Teacher Evaluation Plan as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 Review/Approve Rich Herrin Gymnasium & Commons HVAC Proposal Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the HVAC proposal for the Rich Herrin Gymnasium and Commons as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Mark Minor shared the importance of continuing to forward think and make improvements at BCHS with facilities and programming.

Marci Glover commended the school for the online registration process mentioning the ease of completion.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jim Giacone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY